

The Weekly News

Pleasant Pellets for the Blues

PRETTY CLOSE.

A New Yorker who hardly knew one tune from another made the mistake of taking a knowing woman to a concert in Carnegie Hall. The selections were apparently familiar to him, but when the "Wedding March" of Mendelssohn was started, he began to evince more interest.

"That sounds familiar," he said. "I'm not strong on those classical things, but that's a good one. What is it?"

"That," gravely remarked the dame, "is the 'Maiden's Prayer.'"

MORE EVIDENCE WANTED.

A New York lawyer tells of an amusing incident in connection with a trial he once witnessed in Arkansas.

"The defendant had been accused of selling adulterated liquor, and some whisky was offered in evidence. This was given the jury as evidence to assist in its deliberations.

"When they finally filed into court, His Honor asked:

"Has the jury agreed on a verdict?"

"No, your Honor," responded the foreman, "and before we do we should like to have more evidence."

George Ade says that when a certain college president in Indiana, a clergyman, was addressing the students in the chapel at the beginning of the college year he observed that it was a "matter of congratulation to all the friends of the college that the year had opened with the largest freshman class in its history." Then, without any pause, the good man turned to the lesson for the day, the third Psalm, and began to read in a voice of thunder: "Lord, how are they increased that trouble me!"—Lippincott's.

When Lord Thurlow first opened a lawyer's office in London, he took a basement room which had previously been occupied by a cobbler. He was somewhat annoyed by the previous occupant's callers, and irritated by the fact that he had few of his own. One day an Irishman entered. "The cobbler's gone, I see," he said. "I should think he had," tartly responded the lawyer. "And what do ye sell?" inquired the Irishman, looking at the solitary table and a few law-books. "Block-heads," responded Thurlow. "Begorra," said Pat, "ye must be doing a mighty fine business; ye ain't got but one left."

Jenny's uncle, who was a school-teacher, met her on the street one beautiful May day and asked her if she was going to the May-pole party. "No, I ain't going," "O, to say, 'I ain't going.' You must say, 'I am not going.'" And he proceeded to give her a little lesson in grammar. "You are not going. He is not going. We are not going. They are not going." Now, can you say all that, Jenny?" "Sure, I can. There ain't nobody going."—Exchange.

"So you're going to introduce baseball among the prisoners? I don't approve. What will become of discipline?"

"If a man gets too obstreperous," replied the warden, confidently, "we'll make him umpire."—Philadelphia Ledger.

The Lady Fare—"You can not cheat me, my man. I haven't ridden in cabs for twenty-five years for nothing." The Cabby—"Haven't you, mum? Well, you've done your best."—New Zealand Free Lance.

Dr. Edward Everett Hale was a foe to long sermons. He used to tell a story of a long-winded preacher and the minor prophets. "This preacher," so Dr. Hale would begin, "once preached over an hour on the four greater prophets, and then, when his exhausted congregation thought he was through, he took a long breath, turned a fresh page and leaning over the pulpit said:

"We now come to the more complex question of the minor prophets. First let us assign to them their proper order. Where, brethren, shall we place Hosea? An irascible old gentleman in a back pew arose, took his hat and stick, and said as he departed: 'Place him here if you want to, I'm going.'"

Recent Poetry

THE LAST DANCE OF THE LEAVES.

Rustling, rattling, dancing, chattering,

Sports of every autumn breeze, Troops of leaves go madly racing Up and down beneath the trees.

Red and brown and tan and yellow,

How they frolic to and fro! Now a drift, and now a shallow, Helter-skelter, off they go!

Great brown heaps the sidewalks cover,

Knee-deep in them children wade;

Overhead bare branches hover, Cold and gray and disarrayed.

Jack Frost brings the briefest freedom,

Winter drear will soon be king; Scurry, skip, and hurry, hurry! Dance your fastest, wildest fling!

—Selected.

A wise old Owl lived in an oak; The more he heard, the less he spoke;

The less he spoke, the more he heard:

Why aren't we all more like that bird?

The whole world loves the quiet men

Who sit all day as still as owls; But 'tis needless to mention It gives its attention

To the man who gets up and howls.

Oh, not for wisdom praise the Owl,

He only knows to sit and hoot. The Mule is far the wiser fowl,—

He up and kicks, when things don't suit.

—Anonymous.

THE CHILD IN THE GARDEN.

When to the garden of untroubled thought

I came of late, and saw the open door,

And wished again to enter, and explore

The sweet, wild ways with stainless bloom inwrought,

And bowers of innocence with beauty fraught,

It seemed some purer voice must speak before

I dared to tread the garden, loved of yore,

That Eden lost unknown, and found unsought.

Then just within the gate I saw a child—

A strange child, yet to my heart most dear—

He held his hands to me, and softly smiled

With eyes that knew no shade of sin or fear;

"Come in," he said, "and play awhile with me;

I am the little child you used to be."

—Henry Van Dyke.

The Home

CAKE MAKING.

SPICE CAKE.

Two cupfuls of sugar, light brown; one cupful of sour milk, one cupful of butter, one cupful of cornstarch, two cupfuls of flour, one-half teaspoonful of cinnamon, one-half teaspoonful of nutmeg, one-half teaspoonful of allspice, five eggs; beat yolks with sugar and butter, add beaten whites last. One-half teaspoonful of soda, sour milk, one teaspoonful of baking powder, in flour. Frosting: Boil one and one-half cupfuls of granulated sugar and one-half cup of cold water until it hairs. Then pour into the beaten whites of three eggs and beat. When this commences to get stiff add one cup of raisins and beat until stiff.

FEATHER CAKE.

Cream one cupful of sugar and one tablespoonful of butter, then add one to two teaspoonfuls of vanilla, then one cup of milk, and one egg beaten into a foam. Stir two scant cupfuls of well sifted flour, into which has been added two teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Bake in shallow pans and quick oven. Bake in layers.

LEMON SPONGE CAKE.

One cupful sifted sugar, one cupful cold water. Boil this till it becomes a thin sirup; add this while hot to beaten whites of five eggs. Beat this twenty minutes, then add the beaten yolks of six eggs, one cupful sifted flour added slowly, grated rind of one lemon, and piece of one-half lemon. Make a boiled frosting, add one-half the juice of one lemon. Use a square tin for cake frosting top.

Have the oven just warm when cake is put in, increasing the heat gradually, baking one hour.

LAYER CAKE.

Sift together in your mixing bowl one cupful of sugar, two cupfuls of flour, one teaspoonful of cream of tartar, one-half teaspoonful of soda, break one egg in teacup and fill with sweet milk; pour in center of mixing bowl, add three tablespoonfuls melted butter, beat thoroughly, bake in three layers.

PIES.

APPLE PIE HINT.

When baking apple pie put a teaspoonful or two of strong cold tea in the filling. Also try the same in your apple sauce or baked apples, and notice the improved flavor of the apples.

OLD FASHIONED APPLE PIE.

Fill a deep pie dish with thinly sliced pared apples, cover with a substantial crust of rich baking powder bisuit dough, and bake. When browned to a turn slip a knife around the inner edge, take off the cover, and turn bottom upward on a plate. Then add a generous supply of sugar, cinnamon and cloves to the apples, mash all together and spread evenly on the inverted crust. Serve with cold cream.

SPONGE PUDDING.

Two heaping tablespoonfuls of flour, two even tablespoonfuls of sugar, one pint of milk, one tablespoonful of butter; rub smooth and cook to a boiling point. Add yolks of six eggs and then the beaten whites of six eggs. Bake one hour in a moderate oven. Set the dish in a pan of hot water while the pudding is baking and remove only when ready to serve. Use any hot sauce with either lemon or sherry wine for flavoring. This recipe serves eight people.

BURNED FOOD.

When food cooking starts to burn, place at once in pan of cold water; it will remove all scorched taste.

HAM HINT.

Ham that is boiled in a bag and kept in it will remain moist and tender to the last slice. The greasy bag excludes the air.

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